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I MET STEVE LANDON TOO LATE! HOW COULD I ACCEPT HIS LOVE THOUGH I WANTED TO? I HAD PROMISED TO MARRY ANOTHER MAN--- HE WAS ALWAYS ON MY MIND AND---

I Couldn't Be UNFAITHFUL

Dates were something I was seldom allowed! But I met Vic Carey at a dinner party and didn't refuse when he asked to take me home!

Kisses had been scarce in my life! I was starved for affection! It was wonderful to be in someone's arms and be wanted!

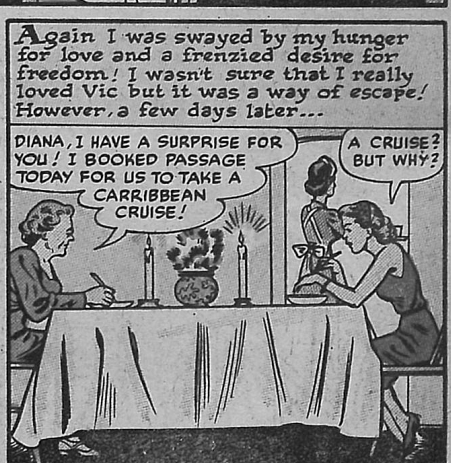
I didn't like deception! I went in the house with every intention of telling Aunt Emily about Vic and asking her permission to go out with him! But I didn't get very far!

I knew right then that I would no longer be one to be trusted! I was burning with anger and rebellion! And the next night...

As I neared the gate, I was eager and breathless and afraid Vic wouldn't be waiting!

That was the beginning! I managed to meet Vic almost every night for a few minutes at least! When I could find an excuse to get away, we went some-place together... not the best!

Again I was swayed by my hunger for love and a frenzied desire for freedom! I wasn't sure that I really loved Vic but it was a way of escape! However, a few days later...



But when I told Vic...

YOU'D BETTER GO, BABY, JUST TO KEEP THE OLD GAL HAPPY! I'LL BE HERE WHEN YOU GET BACK!

I KNOW YOU WILL!

BUT JUST REMEMBER THAT YOU BELONG TO ME! PROMISE?

I PROMISE!

I could have made some effort to be pleasant on the cruise but I was belligerent! By that time, I wasn't willing to give Aunt Emily credit for anything! Mostly, I sat and moped!

MY DEAR CHILD, ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND ALL YOUR TIME IN THAT CHAIR?

I LIKE IT HERE! I ENJOY WATCHING THE WATER!

SUIT YOURSELF! I'M GOING FOR A WALK ON THE DECK! YOU WON'T JOIN ME?

NO THANKS!

I'D BE WILLING TO BET THAT SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT VIC AND BROUGHT ME ON THIS TRIP SO I COULDN'T SEE HIM!

I sat there making myself miserable! When Aunt Emily returned, she was not alone! I was surprised to hear...

DIANA, DEAR, I WANT YOU TO MEET MR. STEVE LANDON! WE'VE BEEN WALKING TOGETHER!

HOW DO YOU DO!

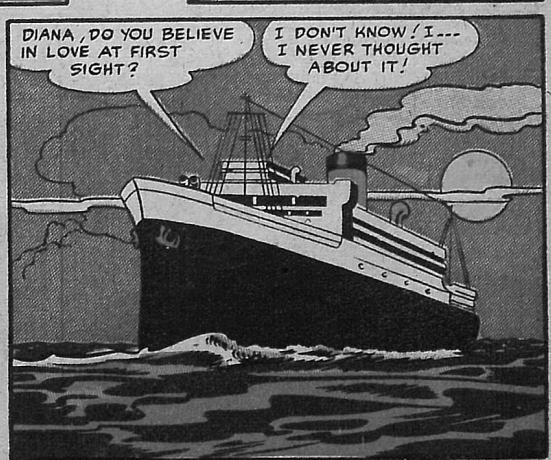
YOUR AUNT TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!

SHE D-DID?

Our eyes met then and clung like magnets! In an instant, my heart seemed to double time! Finally, I broke the spell!

I didn't see anything except his handsome features and his boyish smile... and his eyes! That night, after dinner...

Vic was always in my mind! Even after I had spent most of the next day and evening with Steve, while Aunt Emily frowned but said nothing! Late at night, I walked on deck to think!



I rushed to the stateroom and was relieved to find Aunt Emily asleep! I cried from sheer frustration! More than anything else, I wanted to see Steve again in the morning---

We went through the days that followed on a forced platonic friendship! Then the night before we docked at Panama...

After Steve left the ship, the trip seemed endless! But one thing about it was good! Aunt Emily and I had it out about Vic!

I cried for the next two weeks! Not for Vic... I had never really loved him! But for Steve! Then one night...

FOR A LONG TIME, I WAS CONTENT TO PLAY TENNIS WITH BILL GAINER, USUALLY BEATING HIM AT THE GAME, AND ALWAYS FINDING HIS COMPANY ENJOYABLE! BUT THERE CAME A DAY WHEN THE RESTLESS LONGING TO BE HELD IN HIS ARMS GREW ALMOST UNBEARABLE! AND WHEN BILL DENIED ME HIS FOND AFFECTION, I TURNED TO FIND ROMANCE ELSEWHERE... ONLY TO LEARN THE HEARTBREAKING RULES OF...

The Game of Love

I RECALL THE AFTERNOON IN THE CITY PARK WHEN IT ALL BEGAN!

MY NEW CAREER LEFT NO TIME FOR BILL! BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT WYNN BLAIR'S CONFIDENT, MATURE MANNER THAT MADE IT EASY TO FORGET OTHER MEN!

THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED SAW WYNN'S CONFIDENCE IN ME REWARDED! IN CITY AFTER CITY, MATCH AFTER MATCH, IT WAS THE SAME EXCITING STORY!
ANGEL! YOU TOOK THAT SECOND SET LIKE DEWEY TOOK MANILA!
OH, WYNN... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S TRUE!
"JUMPIN" JANE FORESTER IN TITLE TILT
JANE FORESTER WINNER IN WOMEN'S SINGLES!
JANE FORESTER TROUNCES ELLA CORBIN!
Daily Eagle
AND WITH SUCCESS, MY GRATITUDE TO WYNN DEEPENED INTO INFATUATION... AND THEN LOVE!
I'M WITH HIM ALMOST EVERY MINUTE, AND YET IT ISN'T ENOUGH! OH, WYNN... DARLING, HOW I LOVE YOU!
WHAT DOES BILL WRITE, DEAR?
NOT MUCH! SOMETIMES I GET SORT OF HOMESICK WHEN I READ HIS LETTERS! IT'S LIKE HEARING FROM A LONG-LOST BIG BROTHER!
YES, THE THOUGHT OF BILL SOMETIMES MADE ME A BIT WISTFUL, BUT IT WAS WYNN WHO STIRRED IN ME A STRANGELY GROWN-UP DESIRE! DESIRE... AND JEALOUSY!
I TOLD YOU WE HAD FANS IN MY HOME TOWN, JANE! THIS IS NEDRA WALLISER AND SHE THINKS YOU'RE GREAT!
LEAVE IT TO WYNN TO PICK CHAMPION MATERIAL! YOU'RE A CINCH TO WIN THE TITLE!
CHAMPION MATERIAL REMINDS ME! WE'D BETTER GET GOING AND LET JANE GET HER FORTY WINKS! TOMORROW'S HER BIG DAY!
THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS! I'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU, JANE!
THANKS... THANKS A LOT!
COME ALONG, WYNN! WE PROMISED TO MEET MOTHER AND DAD AT THE COUNTRY CLUB AT NINE AND YOU KNOW HOW THEY LOATHE WAITING!
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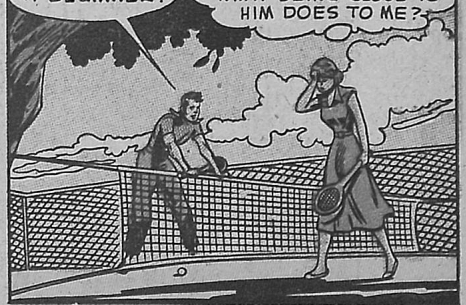
NEDRA WALLISER LET NO ONE DOUBT THAT SHE AND WYNN WERE MORE THAN JUST FRIENDS! CRUSHED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT, I SPENT A SLEEPLESS NIGHT!

MORNING FOUND ME TENSE AND MOODY AS WYNN TRIED TO GIVE ME SOME LAST-MINUTE POINTERS!



OH, BUT I WAS YOUNG AND NAIVE! AS WYNN'S ARMS CLOSED ROUND TO COMFORT ME, I BLURTED OUT THE SECRET I HAD LOCKED IN MY HEART!

WYNN HADN'T SAID HE LOVED ME, BUT IN THE ECSTACY OF THE MOMENT, I LOST ALL REASON...

MY HAPPINESS WAS ALMOST TOO MUCH FOR ME! BUT IT DIED WITH TERRIBLE SWIFTNESS AS I STEPPED OUT OF MY ROOM AN HOUR LATER!
...AND WITH A CRUSH LIKE THAT, SHE'D HAVE BLOWN HER CHANCE AT THE TITLE THIS AFTERNOON IF I HADN'T PACIFIED HER!
HE... HE... CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT ME!
OH, SHE'LL GET OVER IT BEFORE WE'RE MARRIED, DARLING! AND SHE'LL BE A LITTLE GOLD MINE FOR US WHEN SHE STEPS INTO THE PRO BRACKET!
≥SOB≤ WYNN LIED TO ME! I... I'M NOTHING BUT A MEAL-TICKET TO HIM!
TORN WITH AN ANGUISH FAR TOO DEEP FOR MY YEARS, I RAN BLINDLY FROM THE SCENE...
≥SOB≤ I'VE BEEN A FOOL! ≥SOB≤ A FOOL!
HEY, CHAMP! WAIT UP!
BILL!
AH, JANIE, IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU! EVERYBODY BACK HOME IS COUNTING ON YOU...AND I THOUGHT A LITTLE HOME-TOWN ROOTING WOULD HELP YOUR GAME!
MY GAME! I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A LITTLE RESENTFUL OF THAT!
BECAUSE YOU COULD BEAT ME WITH ONE HAND TIED? NO, NO... I LIKE TO SEE YOU SUCCESSFUL, JANIE!
BUT...NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL! I MEAN... I GUESS YOU'RE TOO FAR UP THE LADDER NOW TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME ONCE, ABOUT BEING THE DOMESTIC TYPE
YOU REMEMBER THAT, TOO, BILL?
REMEMBER? JANIE, IF I DARED TO ASK YOU, I...
BETTER HAVE A LIGHT LUNCH NOW, JANE! WE'RE DUE AT THE COURT AT THREE O'CLOCK!
WYNN'S INTERRUPTION ENDED OUR CONVERSATION! BUT JUST BEFORE THE TITLE MATCH THAT AFTERNOON!
SOMEHOW, SEEING BILL HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING! I DON'T CARE WHAT WYNN DOES... DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT WINNING THE TITLE!

I HAD COME TO A STARTLING DECISION WHEN BILL CAME BY TO WISH ME LUCK...

ALL I'D HAVE TO DO IS ...PLAY LIKE I DIDN'T CARE! IT'D SERVE WYNN RIGHT... AND THEN BILL WOULDN'T BE AFRAID TO TELL ME WHAT'S IN HIS HEART!

JANE... DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU... I HOPE YOU WIN THIS MATCH! OTHERWISE, YOU'D ALWAYS FEEL THAT YOU'D MISSED SOMETHING, AND... YOU WOULDN'T BE HAPPY DOING THOSE HOUSEHOLD CHORES YOU LOVE!

OH, BILL! YOU HAVE SUCH A ROUNDABOUT WAY OF SAYING THINGS!

BUT I KNEW WHAT BILL MEANT! AND I KNEW HOW TO EVEN MY SCORE WITH WYNN AND NEDRA! THAT AFTERNOON I PLAYED A MERCILESS, FLAWLESS GAME!

THAT'S IT, JANE! WHAT A MASSACRE!

SHE DID IT, WYNN! SHE'S THE NEW CHAMP!

AND AFTERWARD!

TERRIFIC, HONEY! YOU REALLY SHOWED THEM! NOW WE'LL TRADE THAT AMATEUR STANDING FOR...

I'M TRADING IT FOR A KITCHEN APRON, WYNN! I'M THROUGH!

YOU... YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT, JANE!

YOU MEAN SOMEONE'S PROPOSED TO YOU? BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO QUIT BECAUSE YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED!

NOBODY'S PROPOSED TO ME! HE'S TOO SHY! BUT I'M GOING TO PROPOSE TO HIM... AND YOU CAN KEEP YOUR PHONEY KISSES FOR YOUR NEXT... GOLD MINE!

AND SOON...

OH, JANIE... HEARING YOU SAY YES HAS TAUGHT ME WHAT LOVE MEANS!

IN TENNIS, BILL, LOVE MEANS NOTHING! BUT IN OUR LIVES, IT'S GOING TO MEAN EVERYTHING! EVERYTHING, DARLING!

BILL AND I STILL PLAY TENNIS AT THE PARK, AND I STILL BEAT HIM! BUT AT THE GAME OF LOVE, I'D SAY WE WERE PERFECTLY MATCHED!

I FINALLY Won My Man

OH, BOB, SHE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU! SHE'S A CHEAT AND SHE'LL NEVER LOVE YOU THE WAY I DO!

LIVING NEXT DOOR TO CYNTHIA DAVIES, I COULDN'T HELP KNOWING MRS. DAVIES WAS EITHER BLIND TO THE FACTS, OR DETERMINED TO HIDE HER DAUGHTER'S SHAMELESS CHARACTER FROM THE WORLD! I LEARNED THE REASON FOR HER HYPOCRISY TOO LATE, WHEN THE MAN I LOVED FELL INTO THE RELENTLESS TRAP CYNTHIA AND HER MOTHER HAD SET FOR HIM!

WHENEVER SHE BRAGGED ABOUT CYNTHIA, I USED TO WONDER HOW MUCH OF IT MRS. DAVIES BELIEVED HERSELF!

LOTS OF FOLKS WONDER WHY I KEEP MY JOB AND WON'T LET CYNTHIA GO TO WORK! BUT YOU KNOW HER, ELLEN! THE POOR, NAIVE LITTLE THING WOULD BE SIMPLY LOST IN THE BUSINESS WORLD!

DO YOU REALLY THINK SO, MRS. DAVIES?

HEAVENS, YES! SHE'S SUCH A SWEET, TRUSTING CHILD! KNOWS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT MEN!

NOT MUCH! WHAT SHE REALLY MEANS IS THAT SHE WOULDN'T TRUST CYNTHIA OUT ALONE!

POOR WOMAN! PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE WILD GOINGS ON IN THAT HOUSE THE MINUTE SHE STEPS OUT TO GO TO WORK!

I HAVE AN IDEA SHE'D LIKE TO MARRY CYNTHIA OFF TO SOME POOR, UNSUSPECTING MALE! IT'S FOR SURE THAT NONE OF THE LOCAL BOYS WOULD MARRY HER--- NOT WITH CYNTHIA'S REPUTATION!

OF COURSE WHAT CYNTHIA DAVIES DID WAS NONE OF MY BUSINESS! AT LEAST IT DIDN'T CONCERN ME... UNTIL BOB SHERWOOD ENTERED THE PICTURE!
THERE'S ELLEN NOW! COME IN, DEAR! I WANT YOU TO MEET BOB SHERWOOD!
NOT BOB SHERWOOD FROM WINDALE! MOTHER'S TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR FAMILY!

BOB'S FOLKS AND I WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AND NOW GUESS WHAT? HE'S GOING TO BE OUR STAR BOARDER WHILE HE'S HANDLING A SPECIAL JOB FOR HIS COMPANY HERE IN TOWN!
I FEEL RIGHT AT HOME, TOO! YOUR MOM HAS SEEN TO THAT, ELLEN!

LEAVE IT TO MOM! SHE'LL PROBABLY NAG YOU ABOUT SMOKING TOO MUCH AND CARRYING AN UMBRELLA TO WORK, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL ENJOY IT HERE!
I KNOW! I STARTED ENJOYING IT THE MINUTE YOU WALKED INTO THE ROOM!

BOB'S FRIENDLY SMILE, HIS APPARENT INTEREST IN ME SENT MY HOPES SOARING! HERE WAS THE MAN I HAD BEEN DREAMING ABOUT!
I'LL WEAR MY NEW COTTON AND COMB MY HAIR THE WAY THAT MODEL WORE IT IN FASHION MAGAZINE! HE'S JUST GOT TO LIKE ME!

BUT I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHOSE HEART BEAT FASTER WITH THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW GUEST! THAT EVENING!
THEY CERTAINLY DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME! AND JUST LOOK AT THAT SWEET LITTLE-GIRL GET-UP CYNTHIA'S WEARING!
OH, I THINK IT'S JUST WONDERFUL TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM A SMALL TOWN LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD! I HAVE TO BE SO CAREFUL ABOUT THE YOUNG MEN CYNTHIA MEETS! MOST OF THEM DON'T APPRECIATE A SHY, OLD-FASHIONED GIRL, YOU KNOW!

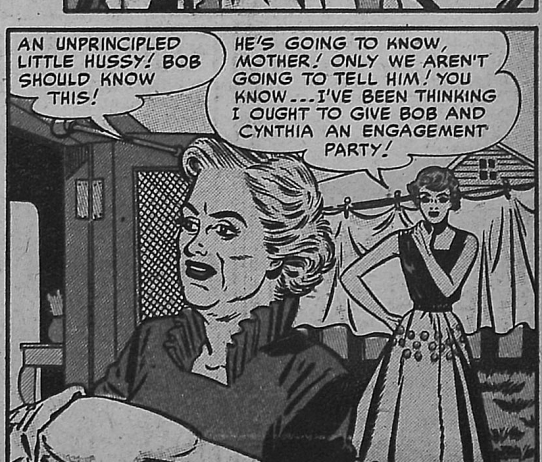
EXCUSE ME, BOB, BUT DINNER'S ALMOST READY!
SWELL! I WAS JUST GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE NEIGHBORS, ELLEN! HOPE YOUR MOM ALLOWS ME A FEW MINUTES TO GET WASHED UP!

MY, ISN'T HE HANDSOME! AND SO FRIENDLY, TOO!
EXACTLY THE KIND OF MAN I'VE WANTED CYNTHIA TO MEET! YOU MUST BRING HIM OVER SOME EVENING SOON, ELLEN!

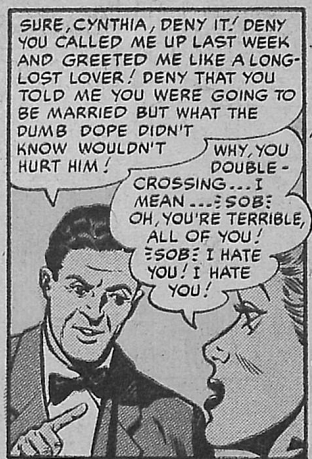
THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF MRS. DAVIES' DETERMINED CAMPAIGN TO WIN BOB FOR HER DAUGHTER! AND WITH EACH DAY I FOUND MYSELF GROWING FONDER OF BOB AND MORE TORMENTED BY MY JEALOUSY OF CYNTHIA!
IS BOB STILL NEXT DOOR? THE ROAST IS JUST ABOUT DONE!
HE...HE WENT OVER TO ADJUST THE DAVIES' TELEVISION SET AND THEY TALKED HIM INTO STAYING FOR DINNER! I GUESS WE'LL BE EATING ALONE TONIGHT!
ISN'T BOB THE SWEETEST PERSON? HE'S PROMISED TO TEACH CYNTHIA HOW TO PLAY TENNIS AND THEY GET ALONG MARVELOUSLY TOGETHER!
YES, I...I NOTICED THAT, MRS. DAVIES!
THE WOMEN'S CLUB DANCE IS NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT! DO YOU SUPPOSE YOU AND ELLEN WOULD LIKE TO GO, BOB? THEY'RE GOING TO SEND ME TWO TICKETS ANYWAY!
GOSH, I...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU BELONGED TO THE CLUB, TOO, MRS. BARRETT! I ALREADY PROMISED MRS. DAVIES I'D TAKE CYNTHIA!
BUT A PRETTY GIRL LIKE ELLEN WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING A DATE! CYNTHIA'S SO SHY, I GUESS SHE'D STAY HOME IF I DIDN'T TAKE HER!
THEY'VE GOT HIM CONVINCED! OH, BOB, DARLING, HOW COULD YOU LET THEM DECEIVE YOU THIS WAY?
WEEKS DRAGGED INTO MONTHS, WITH BOB TREATING ME LIKE A BIG SISTER, AND WITH EVERY MENTION OF CYNTHIA'S NAME STABBING ME LIKE A KNIFE! AND THEN...
ELLEN? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE STILL UP! IT'S NEARLY MIDNIGHT!
I...HAD A HEADACHE, BOB! DID YOU AND CYNTHIA ENJOY THE MOVIE?
WE...DIDN'T GO TO THE MOVIES, ELLEN! WE JUST SAT AND TALKED AND... WELL, I'VE GOT SOMETHING EXCITING TO TELL YOU! WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED!
MARRIED! BUT YOU...YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT, BOB! YOU...
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! AREN'T YOU GOING TO CONGRATULATE ME?
YES, BOB... YES! CONGRATULATIONS, AND I...I HOPE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY!

I HAD KEPT HOPING THAT SOONER OR LATER BOB WOULD REALIZE CYNTHIA WAS NOT THE SWEET PICTURE OF INNOCENCE HER MOTHER HAD PAINTED! BUT NOW MY HEART FELT CRUSHED AS MY LAST HOPE WAS SHATTERED!
OH, MOM, I LOVE HIM SO! :SOB: AND SHE'LL ONLY MAKE HIM MISERABLE!
I'VE STARTED TO TELL BOB THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT GIRL A DOZEN TIMES! BUT SOMEHOW, I... CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TELL HIM SHE'S A CHEAT! WHAT PROOF WOULD I HAVE?
THE FELLOWS WHO KNOW WHAT SHE'S LIKE WOULD NEVER ADMIT IT! AND BESIDES... BOB WOULD NEVER BELIEVE IT! HE'S TOO INFATUATED WITH HER!
WHY COULDN'T HE LEARN TO LOVE ME? :SOB: OH, I DESPISE HER! I DESPISE THEM BOTH! :SOB:
I COULD BARELY LOOK AT BOB IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED WITHOUT SWALLOWING HARD TO HOLD BACK THE TEARS! BUT I FELT ONLY CONTEMPT FOR CYNTHIA AND MRS. DAVIES!
ELLEN, DARLING, CYNTHIA'S JUST GOT TO ASK YOU WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THAT BRIDAL GOWN PATTERN WE CHOSE! SOMETHING MORE DEMURE WOULD SUIT HER BETTER, DON'T YOU THINK?
OH, WHY DON'T YOU STOP THE SHAM? YOU'VE GOT HIM NOW! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SICKENING ABOUT THAT SHY VIOLET ACT OF YOURS!
WHY, ELLEN! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE DUPING AN UNSUSPECTING MAN INTO MARRYING THAT... THAT GIRL! AND YOU KNOW WHAT SHE IS! YOU KNOW WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO TO HIS LIFE!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH! COME ALONG, CYNTHIA! WE'LL NEVER SET FOOT IN THIS HOUSE AGAIN!
I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER, MOTHER! SHE'S JUST JEALOUS!
MAYBE I AM! MAYBE I HAVE A REASON TO BE! BECAUSE I LOVE HIM AND THAT'S MORE THAN YOU CAN SAY! :SOB:
HERE, WHAT'S GOING ON?
NOTHING... NOTHING AT ALL!
DON'T MIND HER, BOB! COME OVER LATER AND I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!

UNDER PRESSURE FROM BOB, AND TOO NUMB TO FIGHT AGAINST THE DECEPTION ANY LONGER, I EVEN APOLOGIZED TO MRS. DAVIES AND CYNTHIA! AND I WAS ALMOST WILLING TO ADMIT BOB'S LOVE HAD CHANGED HER, WHEN...



IT WAS A WILD IDEA THAT HAD ENTERED MY MIND! BUT CYNTHIA'S SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOR MADE ME DETERMINED TO TAKE ONE MORE DESPERATE CHANCE!
I'LL INVITE EVERY FELLOW CYNTHIA EVER KNEW! MAYBE, BEFORE THE EVENING IS OVER, SHE'LL SLIP AND LET BOB SEE WHAT SHE'S REALLY LIKE!
AS I EXPECTED, MRS. DAVIES OBJECTED TO MY PLANS FOR A PARTY!
IT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU, ELLEN, BUT, REALLY, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE! BESIDES, BOB DOESN'T KNOW MOST OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN TOWN!
I'LL HAVE TO MEET CYNTHIA'S FRIENDS SOMETIME, WON'T I? I THINK A PARTY WOULD BE FUN!
AND SO, A FEW WEEKS LATER!
LOVELY PARTY, MRS. BARRETT! OF COURSE, CROWDS ALWAYS FRIGHTEN CYNTHIA, BUT SHE SEEMS TO BE HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME!
YES, AND SHE'S BEHAVING LIKE AN ANGEL! I CAN JUST HEAR THE WARNINGS SHE GOT FROM HER MOTHER BEFORE THEY CAME OVER!
I GUESS I HOPED FOR TOO MUCH! CYNTHIA HAS BEEN PLAYING THAT ANGELIC ROLE SO LONG THAT SHE'S LEARNED TO MAKE IT CONVINCING!
SICK WITH DESPAIR, I SAW THE PARTY DRAWING TO A CLOSE WITH BOB STILL CONVINCED THAT HE WAS MARRYING THE SWEET, OLD-FASHIONED GIRL THAT MRS. DAVIES HAD BRAGGED ABOUT! BUT THEN...
I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE LOVELY BRIDE! AND IF THE GROOM HAS ANY DOUBTS ABOUT HER WARM, AFFECTIONATE NATURE, JUST LET HIM ASK ME!
HA! HA! OR ME! OR HANK! OR ANYBODY WHO'S KNOWN CYNTHIA FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES! HA! HA!
STOP THAT! STOP IT AND APOLOGIZE BEFORE I...
TH-THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I THINK IT'S TIME WE WENT HOME, CYNTHIA! JUST IGNORE THEM, BOB!
SURE, IGNORE US! LISTEN, FELLA! YOU CAN CALL US ALL LIARS IF YOU WANT TO, BUT IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL ASK HER SOME QUESTIONS!
YOU SHUT UP, JIM! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!



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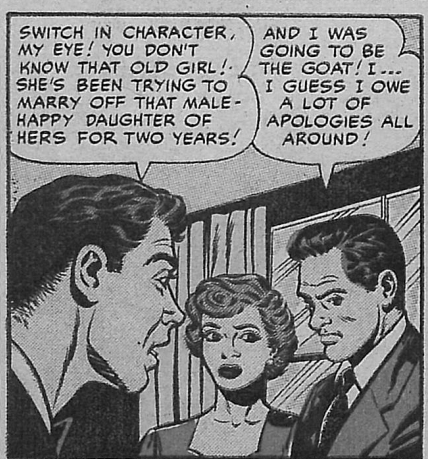
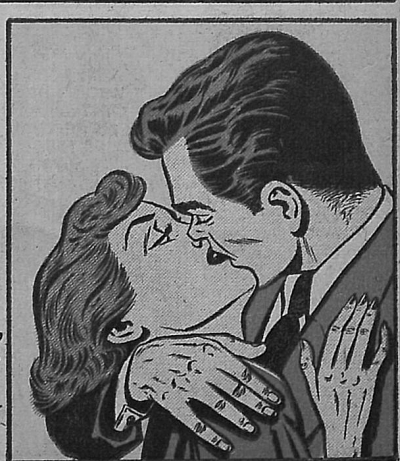


AND LATER, WHEN EVERYONE HAD GONE HOME!

BOB DIDN'T ANSWER! HE JUST TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND HELD ME FOR A LONG TIME, SILENTLY, CLOSELY! AND THEN I KNEW THAT HE WASN'T MIXED UP ANYMORE! WE BOTH KNEW WE HAD FOUND LOVE, AND THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST NO LONGER MATTERED!



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"ANYTHING that's worth having is worth hangin' onto, Rosie," I could remember my father preaching that to me from the time I was a tiny girl. We were left alone when my mother died after years of sacrificing to help make Pa's store a success. It was just a little farm community general store, but Pa and I slaved at it, giving everything and taking nothing. Pa saved every dime in an old iron box he kept in the back of the store.

Then the store burned down and Pa died, rushing to save his money box. I was utterly lost for a time. I had always been too busy working to make friends. But somehow I pulled myself together and built another store. It was no grander than the first, but I prospered. I found myself hoarding the dollars just as Pa had.

One day I was rushing around trying to wait on a crowd of customers when I noticed a young stranger in the midst. He was handsome and he watched me so closely, that I felt clumsy as I worked. He waited until all the customers had left before he spoke. "Looks like you need some help around here, Miss," he said kindly. Always suspicious, I answered him sharply, "I make out all right on my own, thanks." He laughed good-naturedly, "I'm sure you do, but if you need an extra clerk, I'm available. I've had some experience and . . ." "I said I didn't need any help," I snapped. He shrugged and turned to leave. I let him get out of the store before I started after him, my heart crying for the sight of him again.

Ed Johnson started working for me. He was fine and industrious and in spite of myself, I had to admire his capacity for work. Business was booming and he made a couple of modest suggestions for improvements in the store. I was reluctant to go along with them at first because I knew they'd cost money, but finally I did, and they paid off.

Then Ed started to take me out. My heart was in a spin each time we were alone together. I knew I was in love with him and I believed he loved me, but cautiously, I tried to hide my feelings. Until one night. . . . "Why don't you break down and admit you love me, Rose," he murmured as he held me close. I started to answer but before I could, he continued, "And while you're about it, say you'll marry me." I said I would, the beating of my hearting threatening to engulf me.

We told the news to customers as they came in, rather, I did. I was so thrilled that for once in my life I forgot to be tight-lipped. At first, when the people chided him about marrying the boss, I laughed, as he did, but then my mind started to ask questions. After all, what did I know about Ed. He came to me, a well-dressed stranger, but he never explained himself. The dread seemed to grow in me until I looked at him as though I had never seen him before. The break came one evening when he started describing some new plans he had for the store. They may have been good plans, I don't know, I only know that his statements proved to me that he was marrying me because he wanted to have control of the store and my money, not because he loved me. I flung this at him, and watched the blood drain from his face. "You believe that, Rose?" he asked incredulously. "Yes," I shrieked. My fear of losing the security my Pa and I had built up was in control, and I said horrible things. Ed left without making any defense.

I went back to work in the store. Everybody asked about Ed but I couldn't answer them. For a time I felt justified in what I had done. After all, no man was going to deprive me of my birthright. But seconds later, my heart ached to hold him close and feel his strong arms around me once more. One day a salesman came through town. He told me he had seen Ed in the city. "He's a big shot, ya know," drawled the salesman. "His ol' man owns one of the biggest department stores in the city. And he's always braggin' about his son having enough backbone to go out to a country store and learn the business starting as a clerk. Yessir, Rosie, I guess you didn't know what kind of a man you had, eh?"

I couldn't answer him. And I can't face the questions I ask myself. I read in the paper recently that Ed got married.

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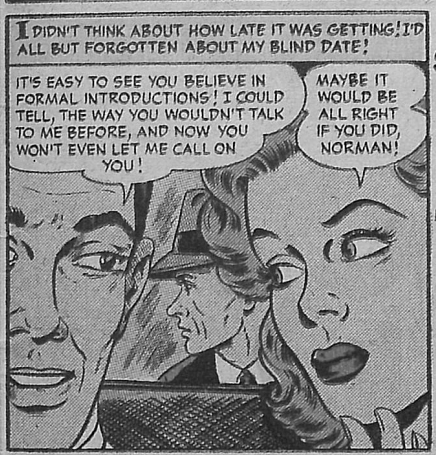
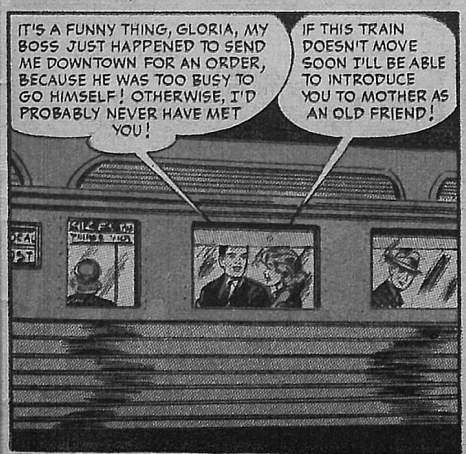
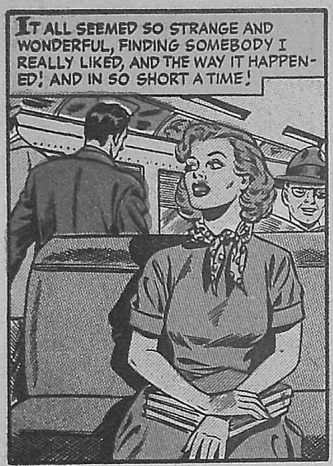
I DON'T KNOW HOW I MANAGED TO FIND ROOM IN THAT JAMMED CAR, BUT I'D MADE IT, AND I BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF--- ONLY TO HAVE THE BREATH KNOCKED OUT OF ME A MOMENT LATER!

I DIDN'T ANSWER HIM! I TURNED AWAY BUT THE PICTURE OF HIS HANDSOME, SMILING FACE STAYED IN MY MIND! I COULDN'T RESIST THE URGE TO STEAL A GLANCE AT HIM NOW AND THEN---



SUDDENLY, GOING OUT WITH NORMAN, SEEING HIM AGAIN, WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY LIFE! I GRASPED AT HIS SUGGESTION...




IT ALL SEEMED SO STRANGE AND WONDERFUL, FINDING SOMEBODY I REALLY LIKED, AND THE WAY IT HAPPENED! AND IN SO SHORT A TIME!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATE ALREADY! I DON'T SEE HOW I'M GOING TO GET ALL THAT WORK DONE THIS AFTERNOON! WISH I HADN'T LET VERA MAKE THAT DATE FOR ME WITH PAUL'S FRIEND! I'D RATHER BE GOING OUT WITH NORMAN TONIGHT!

SAY, CAN YOU TELL ME WHEN YOU EXPECT TO---? OOP!
HERE WE GO! I COULD'VE SAVED MYSELF A LONG WALK!

ONCE THE TRAIN HAD STARTED, IT MADE UP FOR LOST TIME! WE REACHED MY STATION BEFORE NORMAN GOT BACK!
HURRY, NORMAN, HURRY! I JUST WANT TO BE SURE HE DOESN'T FORGET!

TOMORROW NIGHT, GLORIA--- I'LL SEE YOU AT EIGHT!
I'LL BE WAITING, NORMAN!

ALL AT ONCE A TERRIBLE THOUGHT STRUCK ME! NORMAN DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I LIVED! I HADN'T EVEN TOLD HIM MY LAST NAME, NOR DID I KNOW HIS!
NORMAN! FOUR-FORTY-ONE WEST ONE---OH, HE CAN'T HEAR ME OVER THE NOISE OF THE TRAIN!

IT'S RIDICULOUS! HE CAN'T BE GONE FOR GOOD--- I'VE NEVER FELT ABOUT ANYBODY THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT NORMAN! IT CAN'T END THIS WAY!
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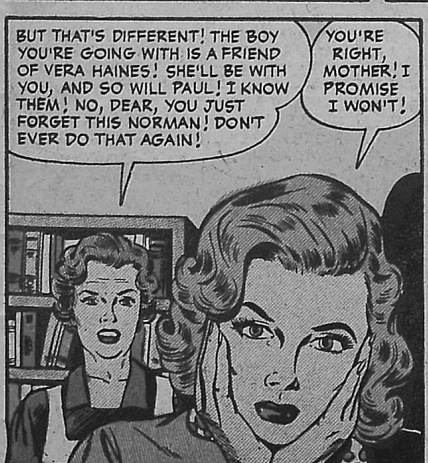
TRAIN

I WAS HOME FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO START ON THE WORK I HAD TO DO! THAT BLIND DATE I HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO EARLIER MEANT NOTHING NOW!



I COULDN'T FORGET HIM, I DIDN'T WANT TO! HIS FACE APPEARED BEFORE ME, AND I COULDN'T WORK! NORMAN WAS IN MY MIND AND IN MY HEART!

I TOLD MYSELF THAT I'D MEET NORMAN AGAIN SOMETIME... ON THE TRAIN, PERHAPS, OR ON THE STATION! DEEP DOWN I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT IT SOOTHED ME ENOUGH FOR THE TIME BEING!

I'VE FINISHED ALL MY HOMEWORK, MOTHER!

THAT'S FINE, DEAR! BUT LOOK AT THE TIME! IF YOU'RE GOING OUT TONIGHT YOU'D BETTER HURRY!

WHEN I THOUGHT OF GOING OUT I THOUGHT OF NORMAN, AND I KNEW I COULDN'T FOOL MYSELF ANY LONGER...

HOW CAN I MEET HIM IF HE WORKS ALL DAY? HE SAID HE WAS IN THE SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD BY CHANCE!

OH, NORMAN, NORMAN! I'LL LOOK FOR YOU EVERY TIME I TAKE A TRAIN, EVERYWHERE I GO!

GLORIA! THEY'RE HERE FOR YOU!

MY EYES WERE RED-RIMMED FROM WEEPING! I COULDN'T LET THEM SEE ME LIKE THAT! VERA HAINES SOON BECAME IMPATIENT...

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, GLORIA, YOUR DATE IS WAITING! YOU'D BETTER PUT SOME POWDER ON AND COME OUT! WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU, HONEY?

I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT SOME OTHER TIME, VERA!

HELLO, PAUL! YOU'LL HAVE TO PARDON ME FOR...

GLORIA, THIS IS PAUL'S FRIEND... GLORIA! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

PAUL'S FRIEND! IT WAS NORMAN, MY NORMAN!

THERE'S NOTHING THE MATTER, VERA! EVERYTHING IS PERFECT... JUST PERFECT!

GLORIA!

I COULD HEAR ONLY THE LOUD POUNDING OF MY HEART! I COULD SEE ONLY NORMAN'S FACE BEFORE ME! I WAS TOO CHOKED UP WITH HAPPINESS TO UTTER A WORD!

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